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Labour Force, Australia

Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period May 2025

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in May 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.1%.
- participation rate remained at 67.0%.
- employment increased to 14,636,800.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.3%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,979 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in May 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.1%.
- participation rate decreased to 67.0%.
- employment decreased to 14,620,600.

- employment to population ratio decreased to 64.2%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,994 million.
- full-time employment increased by 38,700 to 10,103,900 people.
- part-time employment decreased by 41,100 to 4,516,700 people.

Key statistics - Trend

	Apr-25	May-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,608,800	14,636,800	28,000	0.2%	332,000	2.3%
Unemployed people	619,300	620,800	1,500	0.2%	21,300	3.6%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 pts	na	0.0 pts	na
Underemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	0.0 pts	na	-0.6 pts	na
Participation rate	67.0%	67.0%	0.0 pts	na	0.2 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,976 million	1,979 million	3 million	0.1%	39 million	2.0%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Apr-25	May-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,623,100	14,620,600	-2,500	0.0%	329,100	2.3%
Unemployed people	620,900	618,300	-2,600	-0.4%	28,200	4.8%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.0%	5.9%	-0.1 pts	na	-0.8 pts	na
Participation rate	67.1%	67.0%	-0.1 pts	na	0.3 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,969 million	1,994 million	25 million	1.3%	60 million	3.1%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/may-2025#glossary\)](#).

Survey impacts and changes

Labour Force Survey TableBuilder product update

The ABS has released updated Labour Force Survey data into [TableBuilder \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/labour-force-survey\)](#). Data from August 2006 to April 2025 is now available.

New TableBuilder users need to [register \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder\)](#) to gain access.

Existing TableBuilder users can request access to the dataset by contacting microdata.access@abs.gov.au (<mailto:microdata.access@abs.gov.au>).

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Further information about this product, as well as other Labour Force Survey outputs, can be found in

the [Labour Force Survey products and data item guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-force-survey-products-and-data-item-guide\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-force-survey-products-and-data-item-guide).

Adding age and sex to modelled regional labour force estimates

The June 2025 issue of Labour Force, Australia, Detailed (to be released on 24 July) will include new modelled age and sex breakdowns of unemployment, employment and NILF estimates at the SA4 level. These will initially cover periods from at least January 2020 onwards for employment and July 2016 onwards for unemployment, with plans to extend the series in the future. These modelled age and sex estimates will be included in a new spreadsheet in the Modelled labour market regions (SA4) section. There will be no changes to the existing modelled regional labour force spreadsheet (MRM1).

Quarterly rebenchmarking of labour force statistics

The ABS has revised the original Labour Force series from July 2021 to reflect the latest available preliminary and final estimates of the Estimated Resident Population. This quarterly process ensures that the Labour Force series promptly reflect any change in population trends and minimises the size of revisions that can occur when the series are rebenchmarked following each Census of Population and Housing.

Revisions to original series also result in revisions to seasonally adjusted series.

For further information on these changes, see [Net Interstate Migration review \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/net-interstate-migration-review\)](/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/net-interstate-migration-review).

Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

The Annual Series Review (ASR) of the Labour Force series was conducted on estimates up to April 2025.

While seasonal factors for the complete time series are re-estimated each month as part of concurrent seasonal adjustment, they are reviewed annually at a more detailed level. The ASR utilises the context gained from an additional year of original data to assess the appropriateness of seasonal adjustment parameters and prior corrections.

There are no revisions in the May 2025 Labour Force release from the ASR, as no material changes were made.

For further information on the seasonal adjustment and trend estimations used in the Labour Force Survey please refer to [Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/may-2025\)](/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/may-2025).

Managing the impacts of natural disasters on Labour Force Statistics

Several regions in NSW were impacted by flooding events in May 2025. Similar to other natural disasters, the ABS undertakes extensive analyses to understand the impacts on the collection and results from the Labour Force Survey, and to determine whether any imputation is necessary. The ABS has determined that no interventions were required for the May 2025 survey reference period.

The ABS will continue to monitor and analyse the impacts of these events on the June 2025 Labour Force Survey collection.

Survey response and timeline

The May 2025 Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 4 May to Saturday 17 May, and collected over the period from Sunday 11 May to Saturday 31 May.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

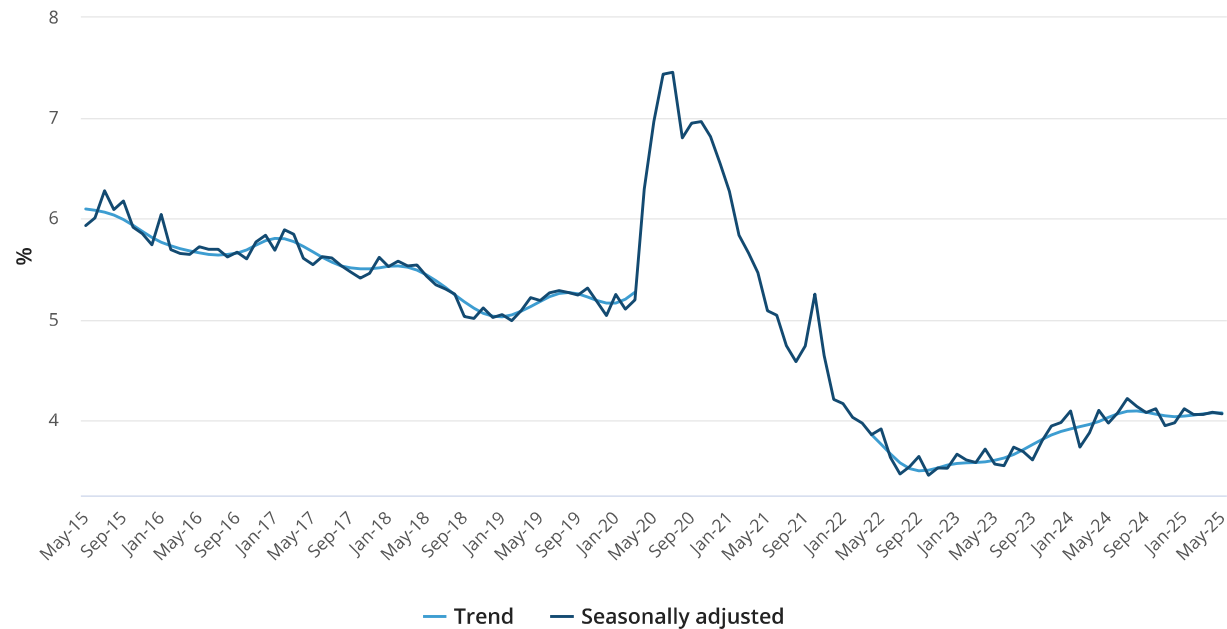
Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Apr-25	30th March 2025	12th April 2025	6th April 2025	26th April 2025
May-25	4th May 2025	17th May 2025	11th May 2025	31st May 2025
Jun-25	1st June 2025	14th June 2025	8th June 2025	28th June 2025
Jul-25	29th June 2025	12th July 2025	6th July 2025	26th July 2025
Aug-25	3rd August 2025	16th August 2025	10th August 2025	30th August 2025
Sep-25	31st August 2025	13th September 2025	7th September 2025	27th September 2025

Unemployment

In trend terms, in May 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.1%.
- unemployed people increased by 1,500 to 620,800.
- youth unemployment rate increased to 9.2%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, May 2025 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/may-2025\)](#).

Employment

In trend terms, in May 2025, employment increased by 28,000 people (0.2%) to 14,636,800 people.

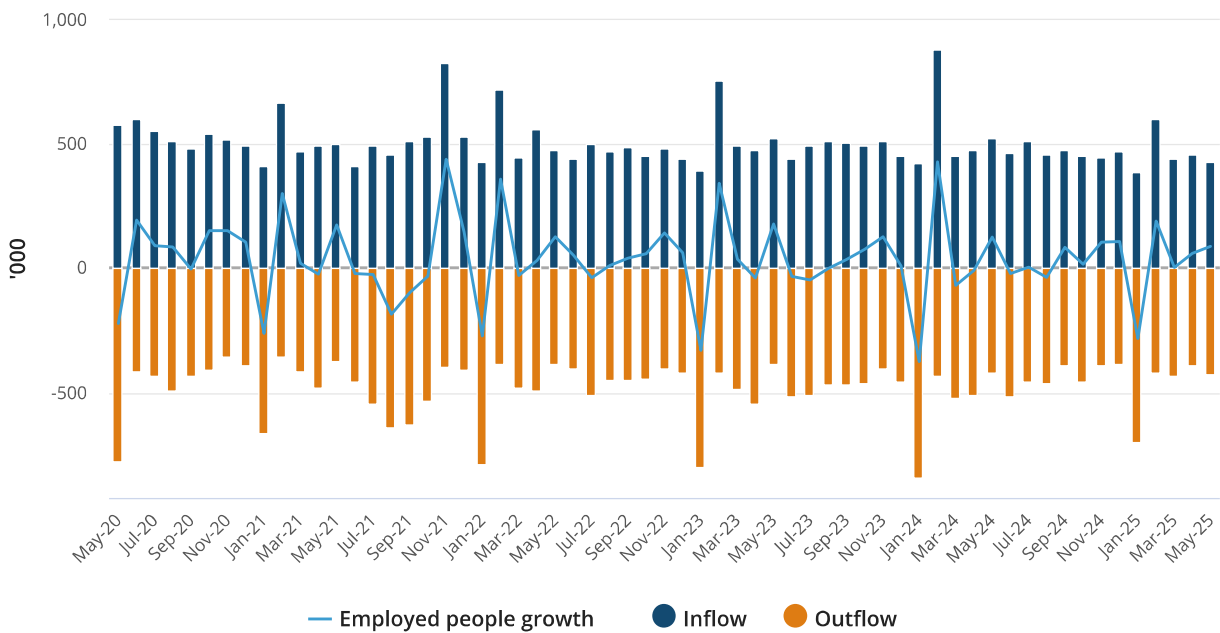
Flows into and out of employment



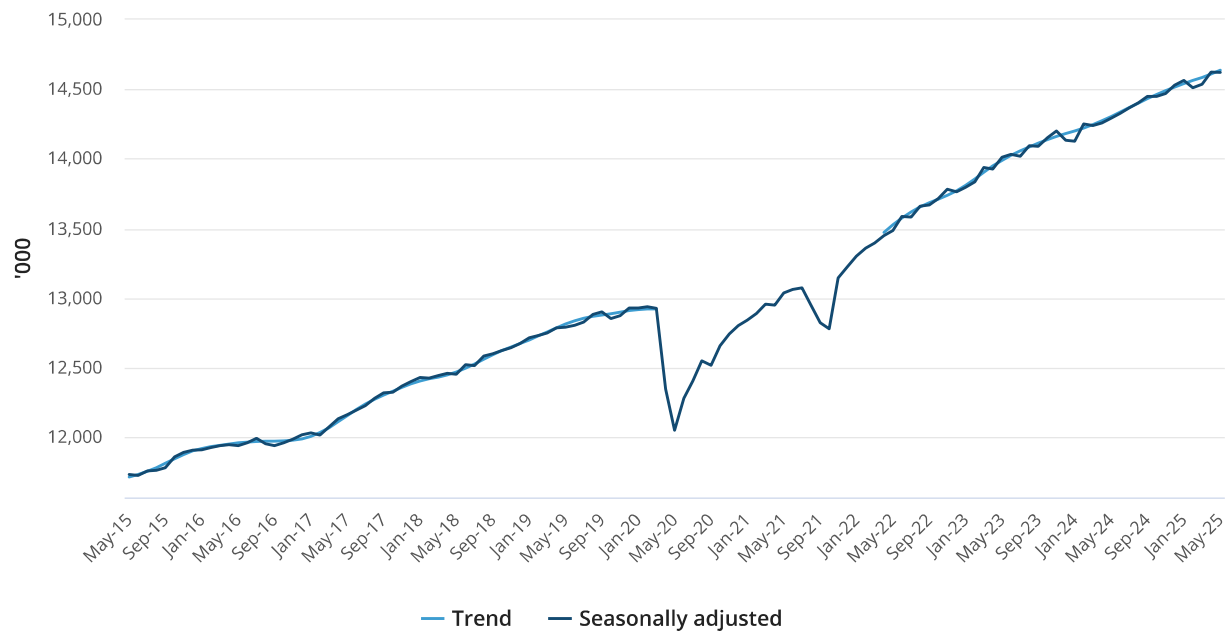
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For May 2025, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 433,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in April 2025 but were employed in May 2025), while around 423,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in April 2025 but not employed in May 2025). This contrasts with April 2025, where around 457,000 people entered employment and around 390,000 people left employment.

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in May 2025:

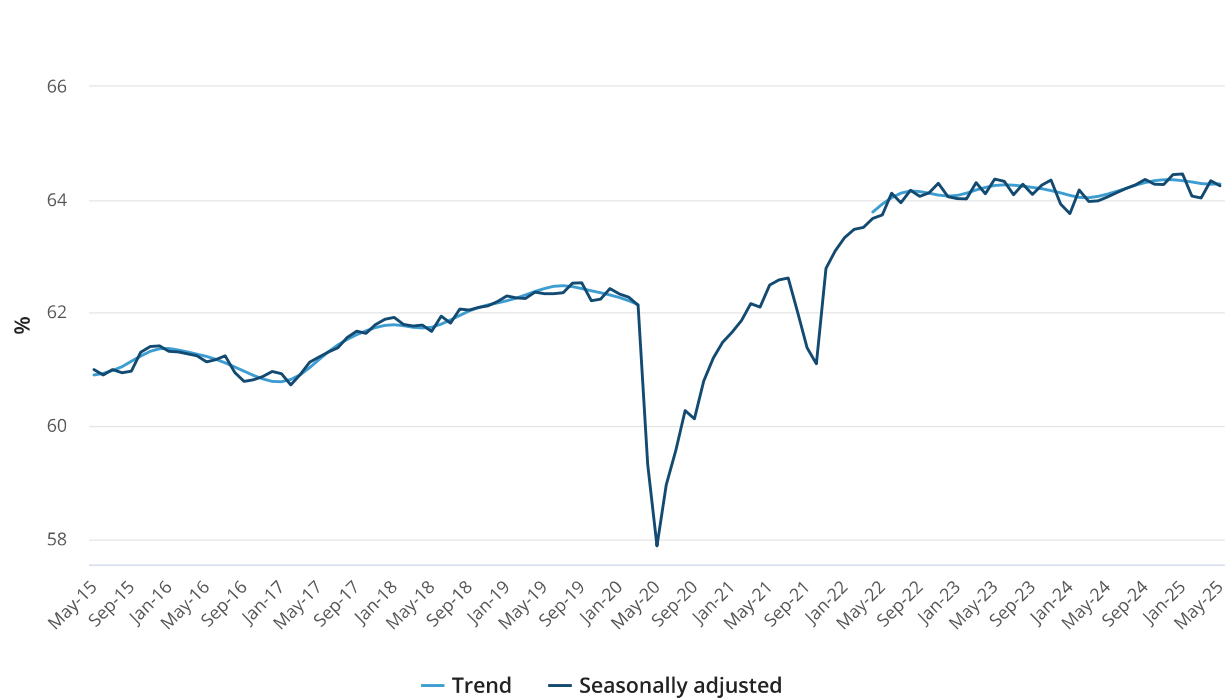
- full-time employment increased by 20,500 to 10,092,900 people, and part-time employment increased by 7,500 to 4,544,000 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.0%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in May 2025, the employment-to-population ratio remained at 64.3%.

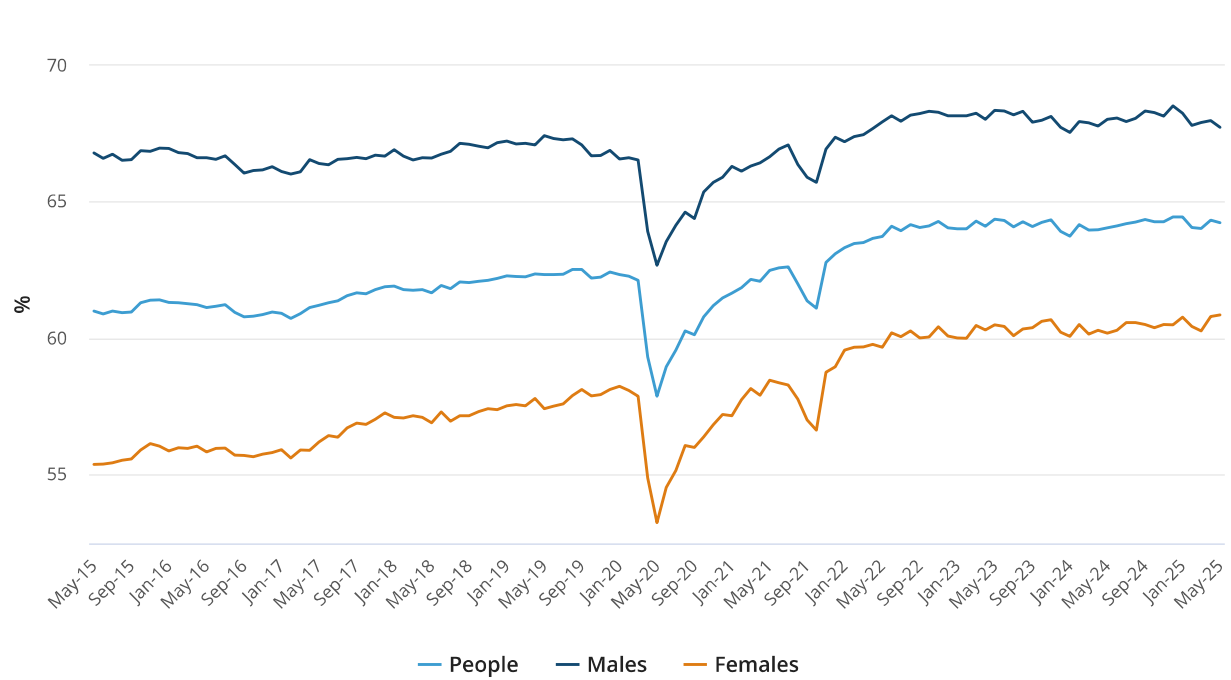
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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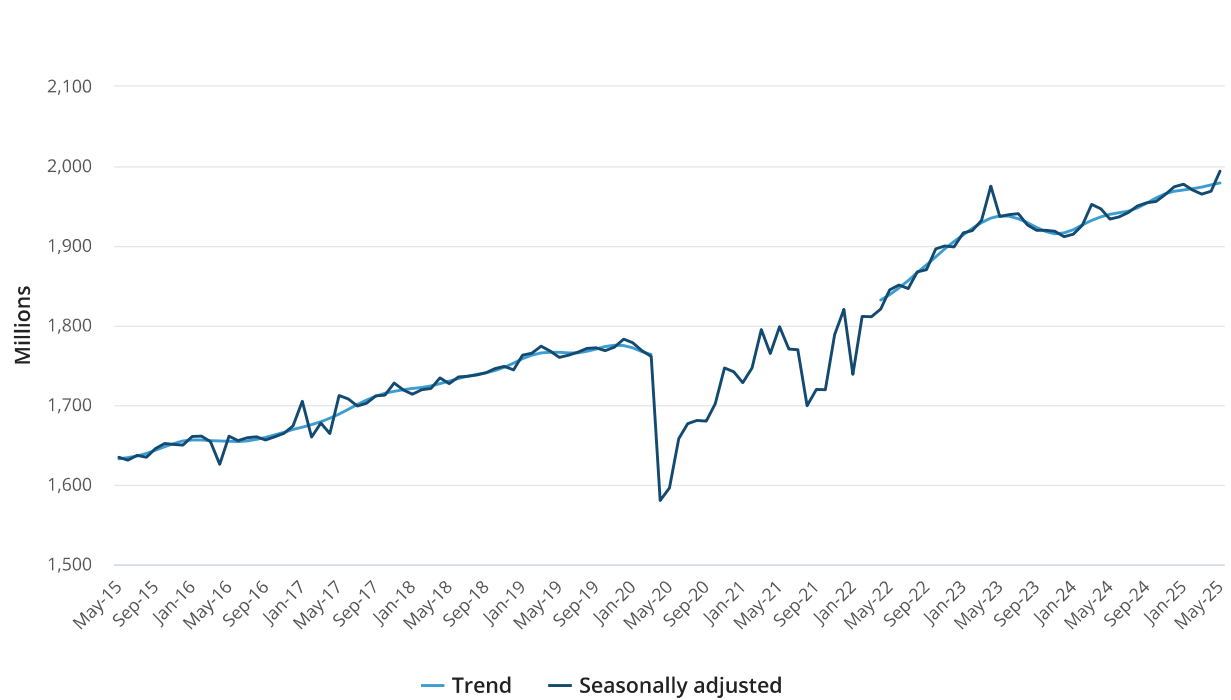
Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



Hours worked

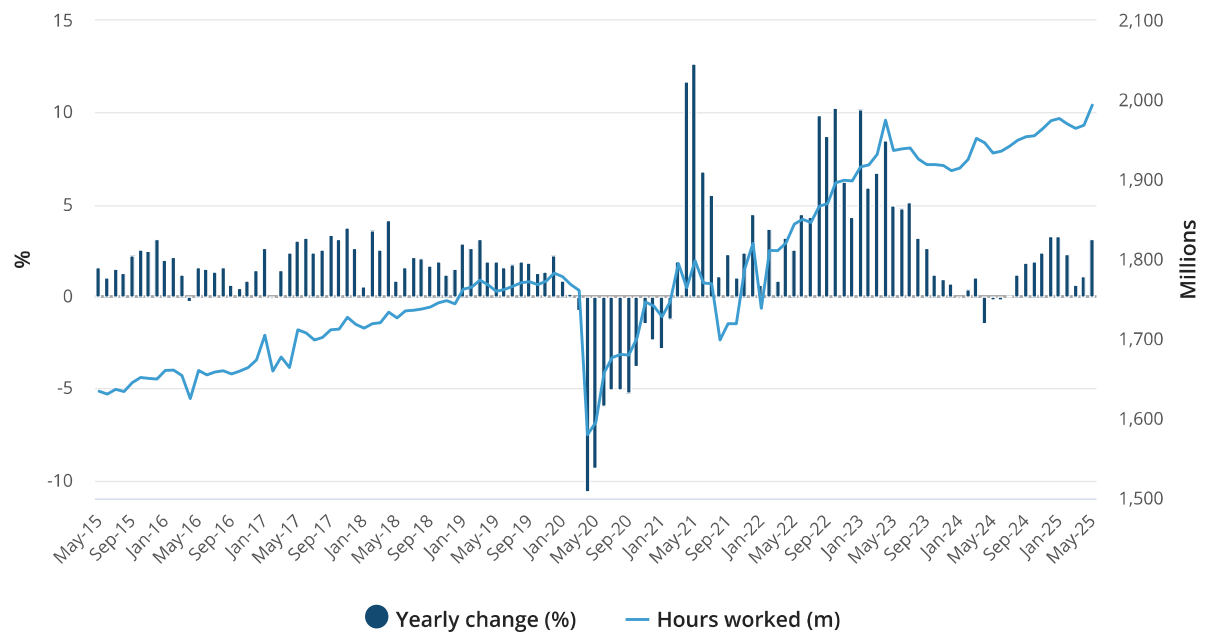
In trend terms, in May 2025, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased to 1,979 million hours.

Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

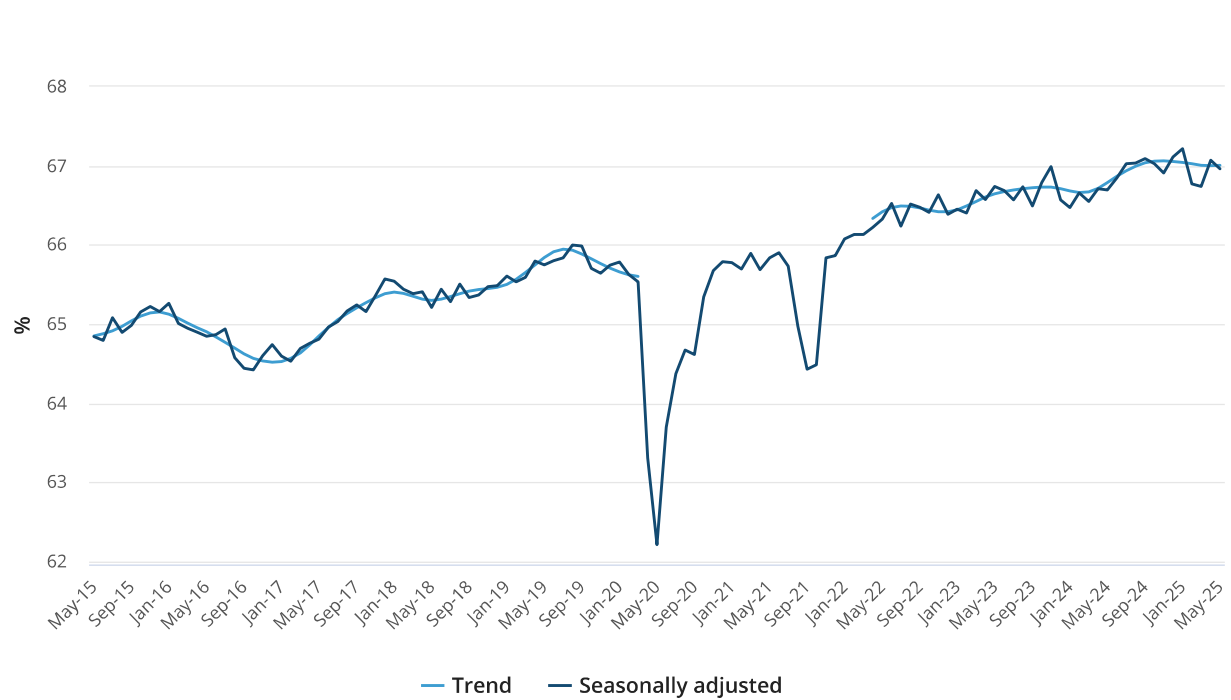


Participation

In trend terms, in May 2025, the participation rate:

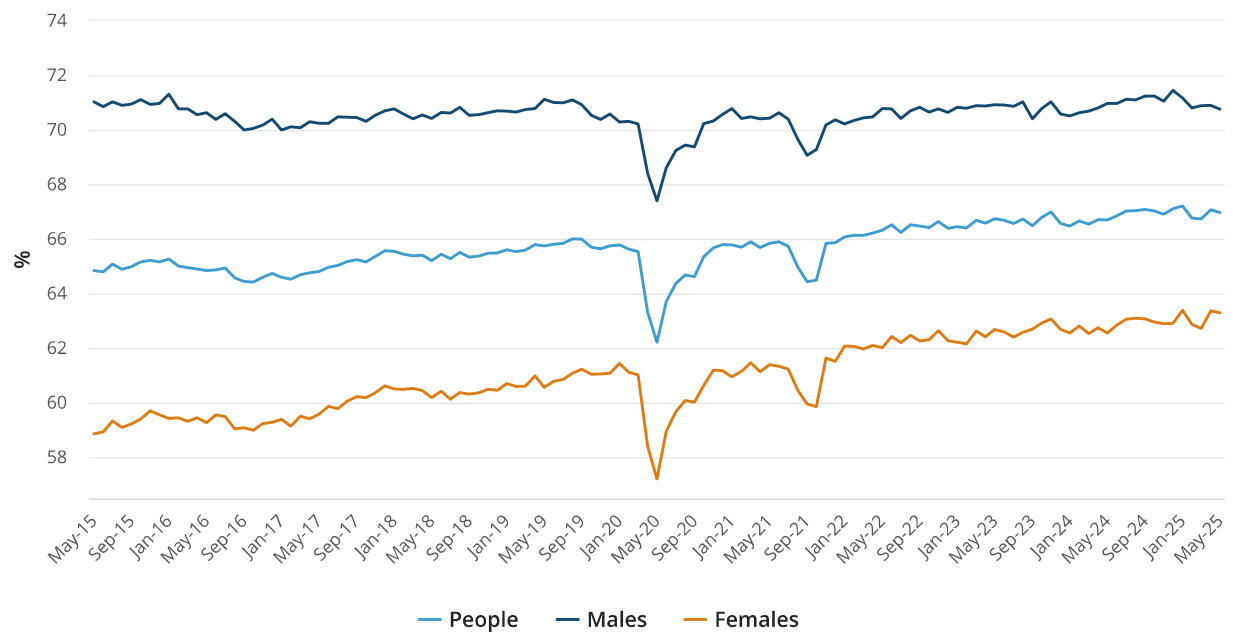
- remained at 67.0%.
- decreased to 70.8% for men and increased to 63.3% for women.

Participation rate



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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

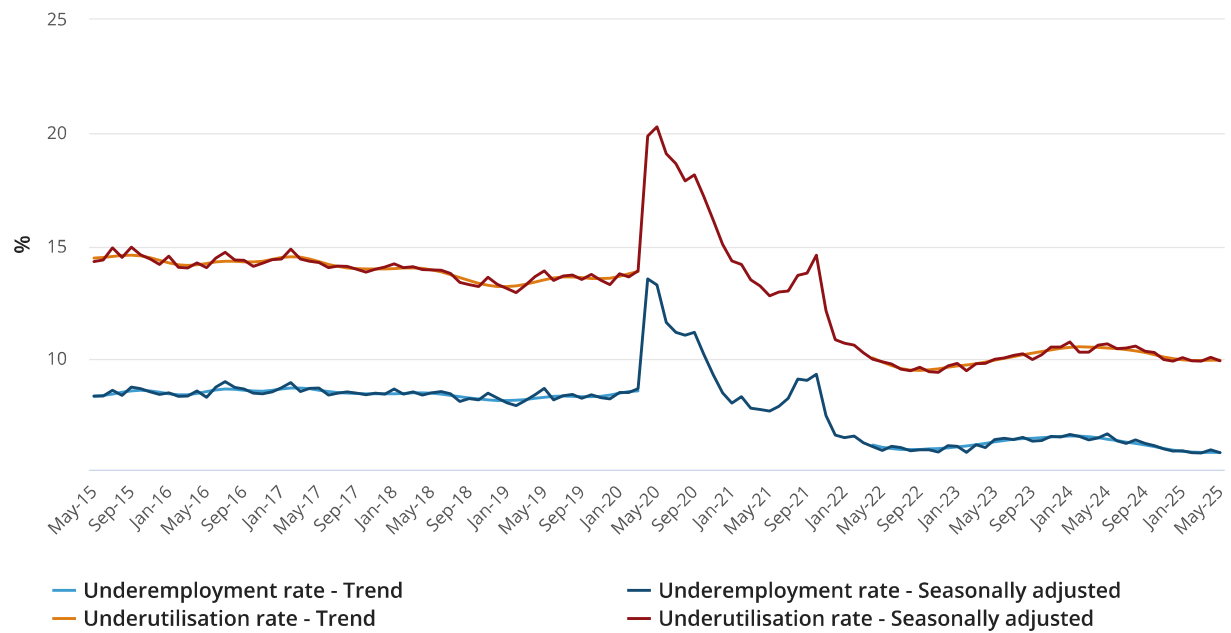


Underemployment

In trend terms, in May 2025:

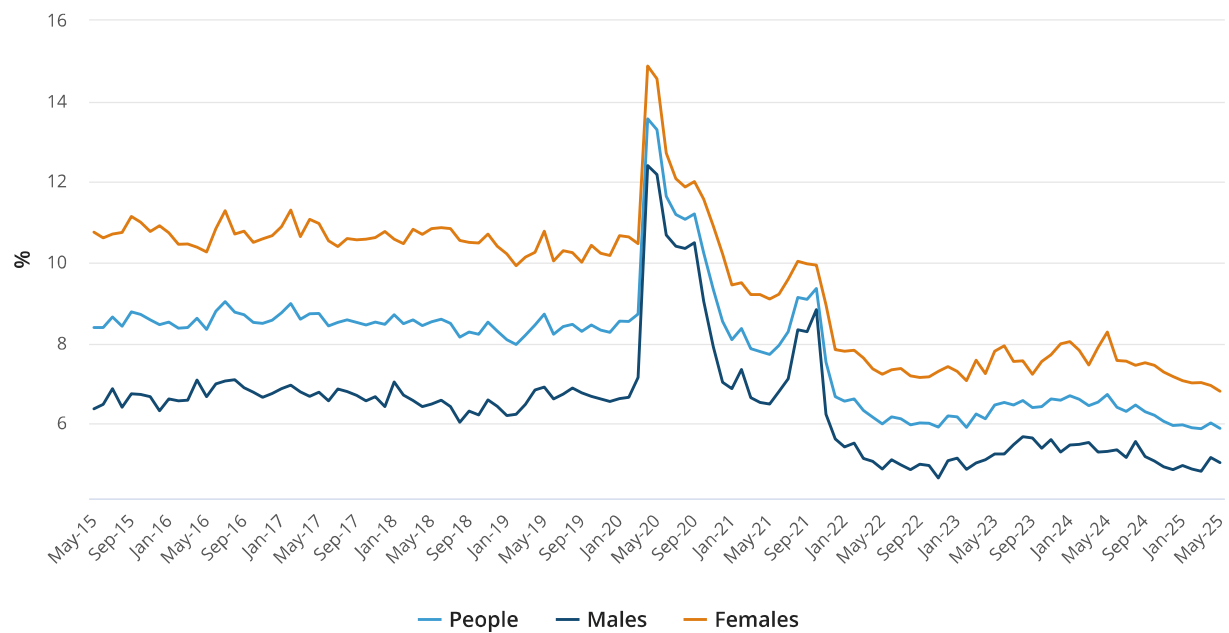
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- underutilisation rate remained at 10.0%.

Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

May 2025 - Trend

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,507,500	3,780,400	3,008,900	973,500	1,663,500	282,800	145,200	275,400	14,636,800
Employed people - monthly change	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%
Employment to population ratio	63.5%	64.6%	64.7%	61.3%	66.6%	58.3%	70.4%	69.5%	64.3%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.2 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts
Underemployment rate	5.5%	6.3%	6.1%	6.3%	5.4%	7.5%	3.4%	4.9%	5.9%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts
Participation rate	66.2%	67.6%	67.4%	63.8%	69.3%	60.7%	73.3%	72.0%	67.0%
Participation rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.2 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts

May 2025 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,497,000	3,778,500	3,018,100	975,700	1,665,200	283,400	144,500	271,900	14,620,600
Employed people - monthly change	-0.5%	-0.4%	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%	-2.0%	0.0%
Employment to population ratio	63.4%	64.6%	64.9%	61.4%	66.7%	58.5%	70.1%	68.7%	64.2%
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	-0.4 pts	-0.3 pts	0.2 pts	0.7 pts	0.5 pts	0.6 pts	0.3 pts	-1.4 pts	-0.1 pts
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.4%	3.7%	4.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.2 pts	0.2 pts	-0.5 pts	0.4 pts	-0.2 pts	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	0.5 pts	0.0 pts
Underemployment rate	5.2%	6.3%	6.2%	6.2%	5.5%	7.4%	3.4%	4.7%	5.9%
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.8 pts	-0.1 pts	0.4 pts	-0.3 pts	0.3 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	-1.2 pts	-0.1 pts
Participation rate	66.1%	67.6%	67.4%	64.2%	69.5%	60.9%	73.1%	71.7%	67.0%
Participation rate - monthly change	-0.3 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.2 pts	1.0 pts	0.4 pts	0.7 pts	0.4 pts	-1.1 pts	-0.1 pts

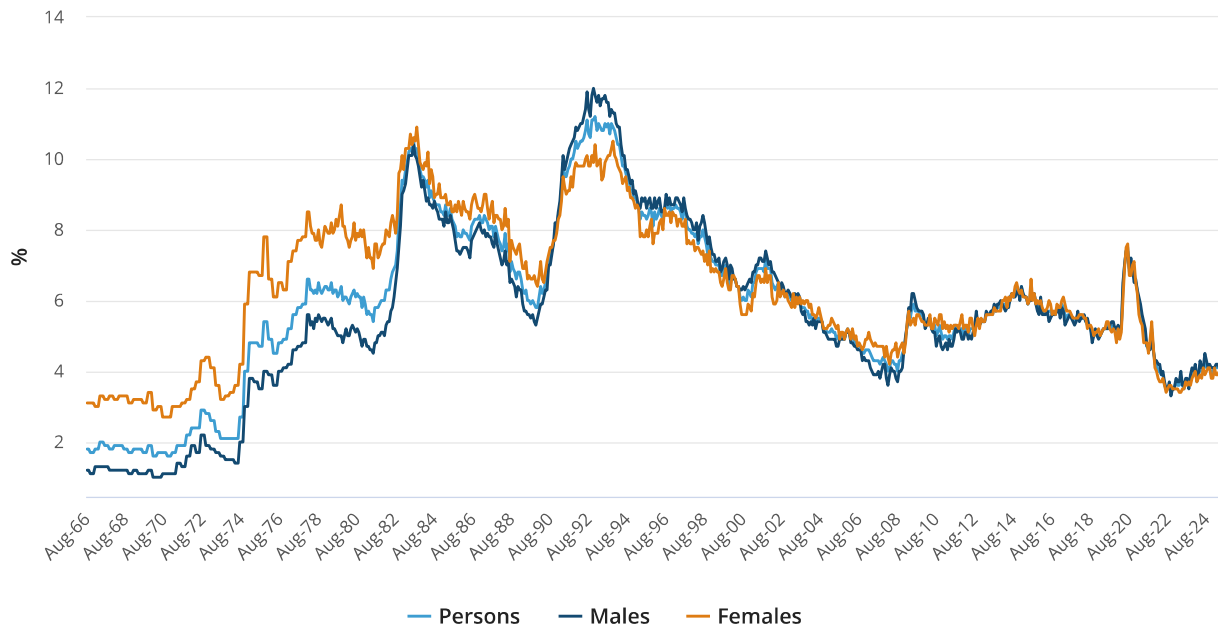
Historical charts

Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to May 2025

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/may-2025#history-of-changes\)](#) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

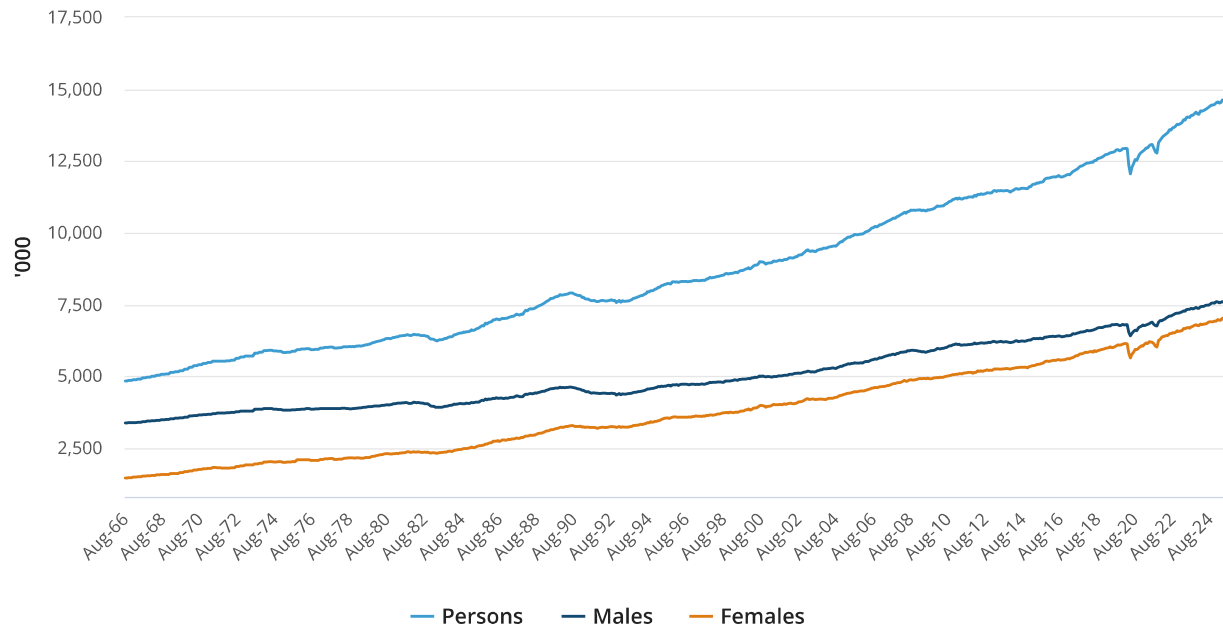
Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to May 2025, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to May 2025 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

Source: [6204.0.55.001 Labour Force Historical Timeseries, Australia, 1966-1984, Seasonally adjusted estimates of the labour force by sex and marital status - 1966-1977](#) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument>), and [6202.0 Labour Force, Australia, Table 1 \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads\)](#).

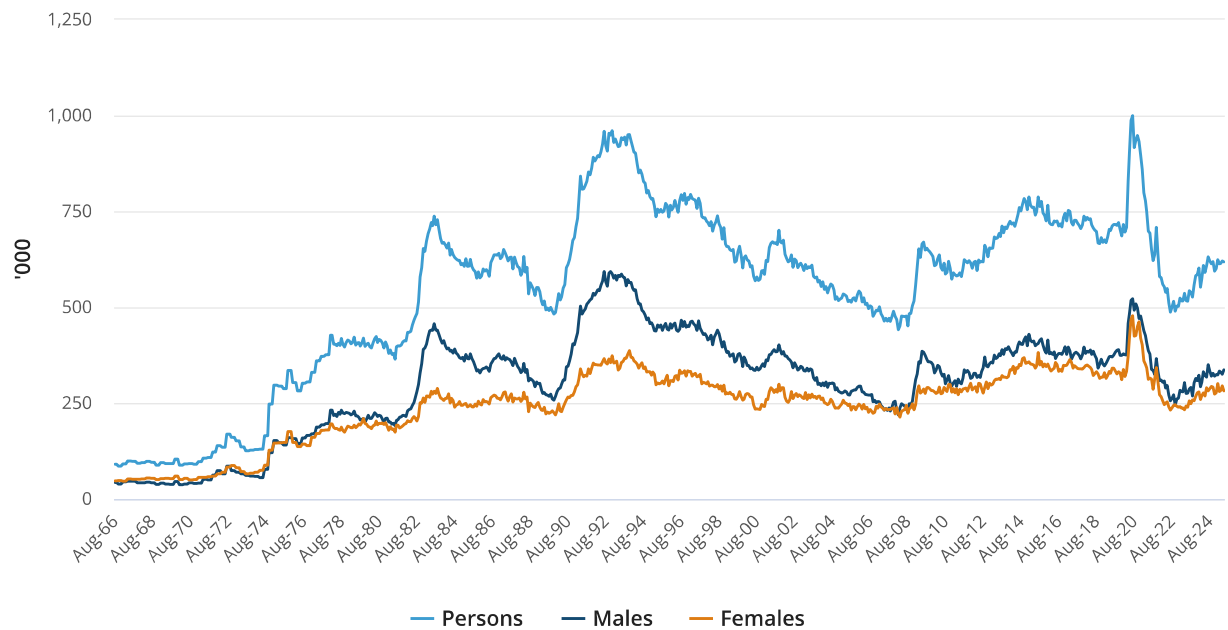
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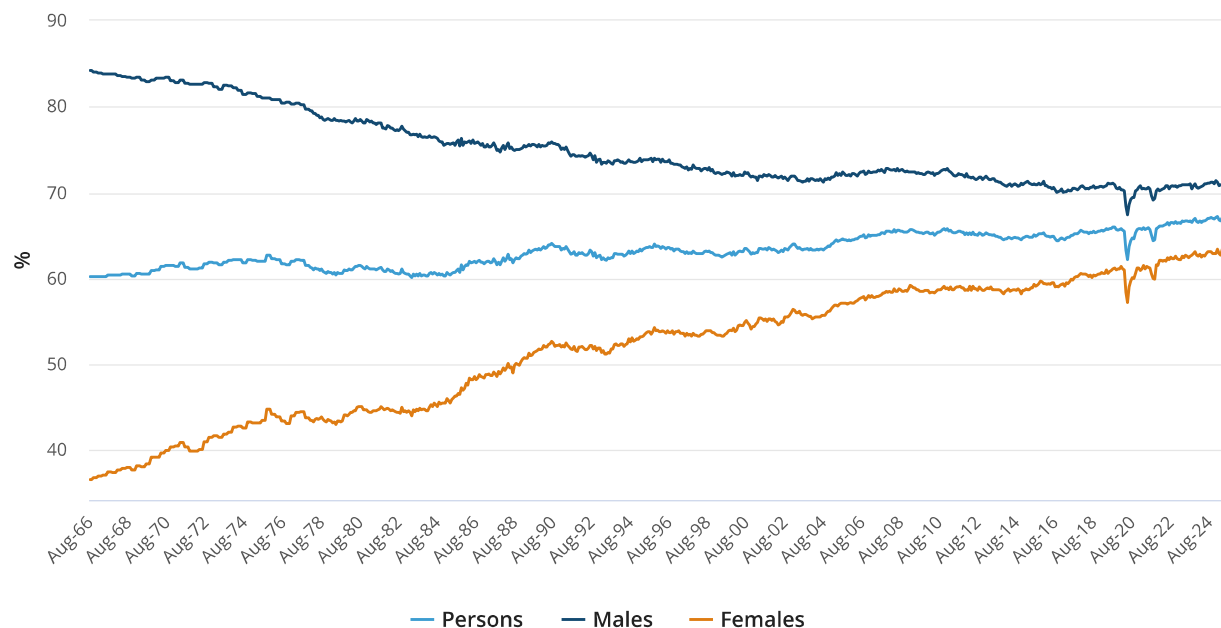
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Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to May 2025, Seasonally adjusted



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Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

	April outgoing rotation group	May incoming rotation group	May outgoing rotation group	May estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	65.7%	65.6%	66.6%	65.5%
Full-time employment to population ratio	44.7%	43.8%	46.2%	45.0%
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.3%	3.3%	4.0%
Participation rate	68.4%	68.5%	68.9%	68.2%

States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. For example, in May 2025, the incoming rotation group had lower employed persons in New South Wales, and higher unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

[Download XLSX](#)
[42.78 KB]

Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release

2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release

3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#).)

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